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"THEY'RE COMING HOME."

Big Time Planned For Medicine Lodge When New Railroad is in Operation.

Last Wednesday L. M. Axline received a letter from J. W. McNeal, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, suggesting that when the Denver, Kansas & Gulf railroad is completed to Medicine Lodge, the city give a "home coming" to former Barber county people. Mr. Axline at once took the matter up with the citizens and the idea was received so enthusiastically that a meeting was called Thursday night to discuss the matter. Although the meeting was called on short notice some twenty or thirty responded and it was unanimously decided to prepare to receive the visitors as suggested by Mr. McNeal, and on motion the following committee on arrangements was appointed, and an adjournment taken until Monday night:

J. B. Gano J. S. Runyan
T. L. Lindley A. B. Purdy
Jas. Dobbs L. M. Axline.

At the meeting Monday night the committee on arrangements made the following report:

After consideration we recommend that the Barber County Home Coming at Medicine Lodge consist of meeting visitors at the trains, speaking, music and a basket picnic, with barbecued or other cooked beef, in the court house grounds. To arrange for the Home Coming and to attend to the details, we recommend that the following committees be appointed:

FINANCE.
J. B. Gano J. S. Runyan
Jerry Gano W. H. Haud
D. S. Jones W. S. Rubert

RECEPTION.
A. D. Shaw Chester I. Long
G. W. Stevens J. P. Hall
C. W. Ellis John MacGregor
I. W. Stout J. N. Titus

C. G. Taliaferro
PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT.
J. B. Gano H. H. Case
U. C. Herr C. W. Wilson

Waldron Chase
GROUND.
Jim Ewalt J. A. White
J. A. Fair John Finley

Steve Garrison
CARRIAGES.
C. B. Klunk J. D. Mathews
W. H. Weldner Mart Updegraff

Wm. Palmer
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.
S. I. Field Samuel Griffin
J. N. Tinscher G. M. Martin
W. H. McCague

MUSIC.
J. C. Walstad C. D. Backley
Chas. C. Painter C. W. Kidd
W. H. Bonnell

The report was unanimously adopted. The meeting was well attended and everybody was enthusiastic. Speeches were made by G. M. Martin, J. N. Tinscher, Samuel Griffin and Col. John MacGregor all of whom urged aggressive work and unity to make the event a historical event in Barber county. By common consent the date was left open for the committee on arrangements to fix after it shall be learned when the new railroad is completed and the convenience of the visiting speakers is consulted.

Those who have this matter in hand will leave nothing undone to make it a success. Invitations will be extended to former Barber county people everywhere to be with us and it will certainly be a gala day in Medicine Lodge's history. Among the noted people from a distance who have promised to be here are Hon. J. W. McNeal, Hon. T. A. McNeal, Hon. Geo. D. Orner, Hon. A. J. Jones, Col. W. W. S. Snoddy, Hon. R. A. Cameron, H. E. Noble, Fred Hardy, Fred R. Ellis and John Young. Others will no doubt be with us when the time approaches.

Let everybody put his shoulder to the wheel to make this affair a brilliant success.

Pie plant, and vegetables of all kinds, delivered at your home, or on sale at garden.—Thos. Carter.

WILL BE A CANDIDATE.

Prof. E. E. Hagerman of this city will accept the democratic nomination for county superintendent of public instruction this fall if it is tendered him. Prof. Hagerman is well qualified for the office. He holds a professional certificate and has had some twenty years experience in educational work. Early in life Mr. Hagerman's limb became chronically affected which in later years resulted in amputation. He was thus forewarned that it was necessary for him to prepare to take up educational work or a profession as a means of living and he chose the profession of school teaching. How well he has succeeded in his preparation is best told by the official records themselves. For the past number of years he has held a professional certificate and for several years prior to that time he held a first grade.

For a great many years he has been urged by friends in all political parties to make an effort to secure this office but until this year he did not feel justified in doing so. Prof. Hagerman is by no means a partisan and his election to the office would come nearer taking the public schools out of politics than anything that might be done.

BIG BOIN'S AT SUN CITY.

The citizens of northwest Barber and southwest Pratt counties are preparing for a big time at Sun City Friday and Saturday, August 10 and 11. Probably one of the most interesting features of the two days' sport will be a prize shoot between the Medicine Lodge and Coats gun clubs. Both clubs have had a great deal of practice and have good marksmen and some very good shooting is expected. The clubs are evenly matched.

The other amusements include a ball game each day, horse races, broncho riding and various other sports. Purses have been raised which will make it worth while for experts to compete.

Smith's band of Coats will furnish music and refreshments of all kinds and good water and an abundance of shade will be provided. The picnic will be in Ward's grove.

REPUBLICANS GETTING BUSY.

The republican central committee of Barber county has issued a call for a committee meeting to be held in Chairman Case's office on Saturday, August 4th. The purpose of the meeting is to set the dates for the holding of township primaries and the county convention.

The convention will likely be held early in September—possibly the last Saturday in August. We expect to hear that the "enthoozium" was without a parallel in Barber county's history.

VALUATION DECREASED.

County Commissioner Lake and County Clerk Wilson did not make a trip to Topeka in vain, when they presented Barber County's claims to the State Board of Equalization a few weeks ago. The State Board completed its work last week, and the tabulated figures show that Barber county's valuation has been decreased \$196,993 and is now on an equal footing with surrounding counties. A great many other counties were raised and the result, all over the state is that the valuation has been increased four millions of dollars. The levy was fixed at 4 mills, and is one mill lower than it was last year.

Barber county's valuation as fixed by the state board is approximately \$2,000,000.

It is best to get the best. Buy Red Star flour.

SUIT FOR \$400.

Suit was filed in the district court this week by Estella B. Lunsford, an infant child, daughter of the late Oliver E. Lunsford, by her guardian and next friend, O. H. Furgason, against the General Accident Assurance Company whose offices are in Philadelphia, for \$400. The claim is based on an accident policy held by Mr. Lunsford which provided for the payment of \$400 to the child in the event of death caused by accident. The petition alleges that Lunsford was hurt in a friendly scuffle with C. B. Kinkaid and Chas. M. Johnson in which his intestines were hurt and ruptured from which death resulted December 31st, 1905. Noble & Tinscher are attorneys for plaintiff.

The defendant company will claim that Mr. Lunsford's death was caused from natural causes and other than that of any accident which may have been alleged to have befallen him. H. H. Case of this city is agent for the company.

HELD FOR TRIAL.

The preliminary trial of Geo. Stewart who is charged with the crime of statutory rape alleged to have been committed on Beryl Hoy, was held before Justice Collins on Monday and it resulted in Mr. Stewart's being held for trial at the October term of court on a bond of \$1000. His mother and brother, Frank, qualified for the full amount.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Rev. Geo. Belsey will hold the usual services in this church on Sunday, August 5th, 1906, as follows:

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Holy Communion 11 a. m.
Evening Prayer 8 p. m.

ICE FOR SALE.

Guy C. Sparks has Pure Crystal Ice for sale, one-half mile north of Sharon. Orders promptly filled. Ice house open early in the morning and late in the evening.

Kramer's Wanda, high patent flour, is the best in the market. Sold by H. D. Fair.

Mrs. A. W. Smith and Mrs. P. A. Pinkerton spent yesterday visiting with Mrs. H. A. Tedrow at Mingo-na.

L. T. Williams is advertising a big bargain sale next Saturday. It will pay you to take advantage of this special reduction sale.

Mrs. H. W. Skinner and sons, Donald and Morris, departed yesterday for Manitou, Colorado, to spend a few weeks. Mr. Skinner accompanied them part of the way.

A unique hay rack party made merry on the streets Monday night. Instrumental and vocal music, Chinese lanterns and decorations of divers descriptions constituted the attractions.

Someone who has little honor and less sense went into D. F. Painter's watermelon patch Monday night and destroyed nearly all the melons. There is a place to put such fellows and they should be looked after.

Miss Katie Lacy returned home from Wichita Tuesday of last week and will remain until the beginning of September when she will return to Wichita and be united in marriage with Edward Kidwad, a young man of that city.

C. S. Palmer who lives on the route between this city and Lake City was in Monday to register a kick because he missed the last two copies of the Index. If there are any others who do not get the paper regularly we would appreciate it if they will notify us. In Mr. Palmer's case we are sure that the fault is not with the postoffice here.

V. S. Cook returned from his business trip to Lehigh, I. T., last Thursday.

Fred J. Wadsworth has just completed a neat barn on his residence lots in the city.

Geo. H. Reynolds was in from Cedar last Wednesday, and among other good deeds, remembered the Index in a substantial way.

Miss Eva Lewis went to Alva Saturday to visit a week with relatives and friends before returning to her home at Leavenworth.

J. P. Massey of Turkey Creek was in the city yesterday closing up right-of-way matters with the Denver, Kansas & Gulf people.

The Barber County Sunday School convention for 1906 will be held at Sharon September 3rd and 4th. The program will soon be published.

Elder Bays of Conway Springs will preach at the Christian church Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come out and hear him.

The Royal Arch Masons had a fine time at their meeting Saturday night. The degrees were conferred on J. L. Strickland, S. I. Field and Thos. Balmer. An elegant supper was spread. Several from a distance attended.

While the voters of the county have begun to become interested in county politics they should not lose sight of the county high school proposition. We have a chance to secure such an institution this year and the opportunity should not be allowed to pass by.

City Marshal Stockstill requests all owners of town property to cut their weeds. The request is not unreasonable and we know of no more appropriate place to begin the good work than right around the Index office. Who'll volunteer to cut our weeds?

Rev. T. L. Parker and wife and little son, Theodore, of Winfield came in a week ago Monday for a ten days' visit with homefolks. Mr. Parker is pastor of the Methodist church at Mayfield while completing his college work in the Southwest Kansas college at Winfield.

Editor Clark Conkling and the children of Lyons came down last Friday to spend a week with Barber county relatives and incidentally to see how the wheat is turning out. Mr. Conkling has large real estate interests here and realizes handsome returns every year. Bro. Conkling is right every way except politically.

Billie Gesner of Kiowa was feeling the political pulse in the city Saturday. Billie is the man that the republicans have persuaded to run for representative this fall and he is hoping that Oliver Ewell will not accept the renomination at the hands of the democrats. We see where he is right. If Oliver will take the nomination it's all over the minute he is nominated and Bill will not be required to spend any of his valuable time at Topeka.

The friends of Ed Newkirk are sorry to learn that his eyes are failing him again. He quit work at the Citizens State Bank, temporarily, last Wednesday and will rest up at the farm in Moore township in the hope that the vacation will result in his regaining the free use of his eyes. Ed has done remarkably well during the short time he has been working here and we sincerely hope that he will soon be able to resume the work. During his absence Walter Lonker, who is with the Coldwater bank, will have Ed's place.

C. Q. Chandler is expected here today.

See V. S. Cook for bargains in shoes and slippers.

J. C. Richardson returned from his trip to St. Joe last Friday night.

Frank Williams has been employed to teach the DeWitt school south of Sharon.

Miss Florence Kauffman of Wichita arrived yesterday to visit with Miss Alice Rudolph.

Dr. C. D. Updegraff is acting as county health officer since the removal of Dr. Coleman.

People say that the finest groceries in town are at H. T. Woodward's & Son's. Phone 38.

The new soda fountain and ice cream parlor at Luallen's will drive away the blues. Try the remedy.

Fred R. Ellis returned to his home at Lawton, Ok., Saturday after visiting a week with his parents and friends.

The county commissioners and the mayor and council of the city will meet next Monday to adopt a tax levy for 1906.

Dr. VanDewalker reports a 10-pound girl born to J. T. Ditgin and wife who reside four miles east of this city, last Thursday, July 26th.

Verne Gibbs has quit the threshing business for the season. He returned home from Alva last week and will soon close a contract to teach school again.

When you are figuring on a sewing machine remember that the New Royal and the New Home are the leaders. No others as good. Adams & Co.

The Forest City school board want the best and are willing to pay for it. They have employed E. E. Hagerman at a salary of \$55 per month and janitor hire.

Otho Bacus was released from jail on Tuesday evening of last week. His father, J. S. Bacus, of Harper, and E. S. Rule and J. D. Spangler of Sharon, are his sureties. The three qualified for \$32,000.

You can "look out for the cars" on the new Denver, Kansas & Gulf any time from a week to a month. Only a few small details to look after between Kiowa and Medicine Lodge until the two towns are connected.

Homer Hastings, John Young and Wm. Ward were down from Sun City last Wednesday booming the Twelfth Annual Picnic to be held in Ward's grove August 10th and 11th. They promise everybody who attends, a good time.

John Gibson and family visited over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Gibson, and other relatives in the city. Mr. Gibson has sold his fine farm situated midway between Ingersoll and Cherokee, Oklahoma, and he and his family are preparing to move to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The change of residence is made in the interest of Mr. Gibson's health.

A colored boy whose parents reside on Sugar Lake, shot and killed the pet monkey belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Groves a little over a week ago. The monkey got out of its cage and got up in a tree. The boy saw it and thought it was a rare animal specie. After it fell to the ground he saw that it was the Groves pet and he hastened to Mr. Groves' house and told him of the mistake.

The Medicine Lodge school board have employed Miss Florence M. Burge of Topeka, assistant principal for the ensuing term. Our city schools will be supplied this year with eight teachers, the largest faculty in the history of the schools. School opens September 3rd. Miss Burge is a graduate of the Topeka High School and Washburn College and carries other strong recommendations.

W. C. Alford of Hazelton was a visitor Monday.

Wall paper at Adams & Co's. The very latest and all qualities.

H. E. White and wife visited friends at Attica Saturday and Sunday.

C. B. Kinkaid is on the crippled list again. A horse fell with him Sunday and sprained and bruised him considerably.

G. L. Groves has employed Lon White to assist him in the meat market. Mr. White will move to the city as soon as he can secure a suitable residence.

J. E. Thomas of Sun City was shaking hands with the Medicine Lodge politicians yesterday. He is figuring on launching a boom for county superintendent on the republican ticket.

Mrs. C. I. Long will entertain the young ladies of the T B Club this evening. A feature of the entertainment will be that everyone in attendance will be required to wear an old fashioned costume.

P. A. Pinkerton has installed a new six-horse power International gasoline engine in his blacksmith shop. He bought it through the Chase Hardware Company. The improvement represents a cash expenditure of \$350, set up ready for business.

Capt. J. L. Brady's Early Campbell grapes are ripe and on the market. They are extra fine this year and find ready sale. Capt. Brady's vineyard is certainly a thing of beauty. We are under obligations to him for a basket of these popular grapes.

Ex-Governor W. E. Stanley of Wichita was "doing" the hills and dales of Cedar, Bitter and Bear creeks in the wee sma' hours last week in the interest of his client, John Fralich. An important rush telegram, however, took him away before he had carried out all of his plans. We expect more of his cute work will come to the surface later. This is the second time the ex-governor got away from a Barber county client when most needed.

Sharon township was well represented in this city last Wednesday. The attraction was a contest in probate court in the matter of the estate of the late I. B. Hayes. Thomas Hayes, a son, has a claim against the estate for a share of a crop raised on his father's farm as well as for money loaned to his father, and while Mrs. Hayes is not strenuously opposing the claim, she asks that the claim be proved by a preponderance of the testimony. On account of Messrs. Field and Griffin, the attorneys in the case, being compelled to be present at the Fralich hearing in the afternoon, only a part of the testimony was submitted and the hearing postponed until yesterday afternoon. Judge Gleason was hearing evidence when the paper was printed. The claim aggregates about \$700. It never pays to do business in a loose way, not even between father and son.

There was another preliminary skirmish in the Fralich divorce case last Wednesday. Judge Gillett was here and heard a motion to modify the order heretofore made granting Mrs. Fralich \$200 temporary alimony and \$300 temporary attorneys' fees. Mr. Fralich did not resist the alimony granted Mrs. Fralich but he thought \$300 for attorneys' fees was excessive. The defense, as a counter move, filed a motion to increase the allowance \$150 on the ground that Seward I. Field was called into the case. After hearing both sides, Judge Gillett refused to disturb the order—neither diminishing nor increasing the temporary allowance. Following this movement an effort was made to settle but it fell through and at this time everything is in the air. It is about the best paying case the lawyers have had since the palmy days of Sample, Long, Overstreet, Denton, et al. Mrs. Fralich is represented by Noble & Tinscher and Seward I. Field and it is said that Judge A. M. Jackson of Winfield will also be in the case in October. Mr. Fralich's attorneys are County Attorney Griffin of this city, Senator T. A. Nottger of Anthony and ex-Governor W. E. Stanley of Wichita.